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FOL REPEAT OF OUAGADOUGOU TO SECSTATE INFO BAMAKO NIAMEY ABIDJAN
PARIS DAKAR ADDIS ABABA MOGADISCIO USUN DEC 17

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 2623

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SUBJECT: BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

REF: OUAGA 2622 (NOTAL)

1. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT ALL VOLTAN BORDERS
HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO MALIAN NATIONALS AND THAT THE
ENTIRE VOLTAN ARMY AND GENDARMERIE HAVE BEEN PLACED ON
ALERT FOR IMMEDIATE MOVE TO NORTHER BORDER. VOLTAN
SECURITY
FFICIAL HAS RECOMMENDED THAT WE ADVISE THE
ONLY AMERICAN FAMILY IN DJIBO AREA TO MOVE TO OUAGADOUGOU-
GOU AND WE ARE IN PROCESS OF DOING SO.

2. A VOLTAN DELEGATION, HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTER
SAYE ZERBO, IS REPORTEDLY LEAVING TODAY FOR MOGADISCIO
PRESUMABLY TO ASK OUA PRESIDENT SIAD TO SEND FACT-
FINDING MISSION TO UPPER VOLTA. DELEGATION WILL THEN
PROCEED TO PARIS, DAKAR, ABIDJAN AND NIAMEY BEFORE
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RETURNING TO OUAGADOUGOU ON DECEMBER 23.

3. AS CAN BE EXPECTED, ALL SORTS OF WILD RUMORS ARE
CIRCULATING IN OUAGADOUGOU. IT IS CLAIMED THAT MALIANS
HAVE BEEN BEATEN UP IN BOBO-DOULASSO AND IN OUAGADOUGOU-
GOU; THAT UPPER VOLTA HAS DECLARED WAR ON MALI; THAT
TOTAL MOBILIZATION IS BEING IMPLEMENTED THROUGHOUT
UPPER VOLTA; AND THAT VOLTAN ARMED FORCES HAVE ALREADY
SUFFERED HEAVY CASUALTIES. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO
ASCERTAIN THE FACTS BUT OUR RESOURCES ARE LIMITED.
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